

REMARKS

Claims 10 and 24 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer; no claims have been amended or added. As a result, claims 1-9, 11-23 and 25-28 remain pending. Claims 10 and 24 have been cancelled in order to expedite the prosecution of the application under appeal. Applicant reserves the right to introduce the subject matter of claims 10 and 24 at a later stage of prosecution or in a continuing application.

Amendments made pursuant to 37 CFR 41.33(b)(1):

Claims 10 and 24 have been canceled. The cancellation of claims 10 and 24 does not affect the scope of any other pending claim, therefore entry of the amendment is believed appropriate under 37 CFR 41.33(b)(1).

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' representative at (612) 373-6954 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

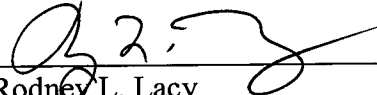
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